



# Kids Club

Leader Guide

# Feb

## Week 4

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# THE CHURCH

## Series Overview

The Church - This series will teach kids about what church is and the role each of us plays in it. It begins by helping kids understand that the church is not a building but the people of God. Then, they'll discover how God's love works through the church and that they, too, have a special purpose within the body of Christ. Lastly, they'll learn the importance of gathering together regularly for worship and encouragement. We are the church!

# Lesson Overview

The Bible doesn't present the church gathering as something that is optional for believers. It is important that we gather to worship God together. It is important that we learn from each other.

It is important that we encourage each other, especially when we're going through difficult times. So, while we may each have our own individual relationship with God, that doesn't mean we were meant to follow Him alone!

## **Lesson 4:**

The Church Worships God Together – Hebrews 10:25, Colossians 3:16

## **Bottom Line:**

The church gathers to worship God and encourage each other as we follow Jesus together.

## **Memory Verse (Series):**

And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. Let us do this even more as you see Christ's return approaching. Hebrews 10:25 (NIRV)

## Schedule

### **1. Welcome & Connection (10 minutes)**

Kids check in, play together, and connect with leaders. Encourage older kids to include younger ones. Give prompts for questions the teacher can ask to build relationships. Lessons 2-4: review the previous lesson's take home challenge.

### **2. Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 minutes)**

Short lesson with Scripture and discussion. This should be very engaging, with lots of opportunity for movement and kids participating.

### **3. Review & Practice(10 minutes)**

Practice engaging with Scripture from lesson and series memory verse.

### **4. Prayer & Worship Practice (5 minutes)**

Practice prayer or worship together. Choose a prayer activity or type of spiritual practice/worship to engage in together. Should be quiet and reflective.

### **5. Group Activity or Project (10 minutes)**

Reinforce the truth that God has a plan through creative, hands-on fun and meaningful discussion. Ideally kids are working in pairs or groups. Either a game, craft, or other activity.

### **6. Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 minutes)**

Review the main point, play together, and give a take-home challenge.

# SUPPLIES

## 1. Welcome & Connection

- Items for structured free play
- [Hebrews 10:24a Coloring Page](#)
- Upbeat worship music (playlist or speaker)

## 2. Group Gather & Bible Focus

- Bible
- Wide variety of small items for “holding challenge” demonstration (blocks, soft balls, plush toys, light household items)
- Optional visual: small paper or object to illustrate “encouragement” vs. “worship together”

## 3. Review & Practice

- one soft object to pass around

## 4. Prayer & Worship Practice

- large ball of yarn

## 5. Group Activity

- yarn from above activity

# Welcome & Connection (10 min)

*As kids arrive, invite them into free play (coloring, games, playdoh, Legos, etc.). Actively coach older kids to notice younger kids and invite them into what they are doing. Play upbeat worship music as kids play/create.*

**Welcome, friends. I am so glad you are here today. Today we are thinking about why the church gathers together. We gather to worship God and encourage one another.**

## **Connection Prompts:**

- What is your favorite thing to do with other people, not by yourself?
- Who is someone at church you are glad to see when you come?
- When has someone encouraged you or helped you feel better recently?
- What is one way you like to encourage a friend?
- Why do you think God wants us to be together instead of alone?

*Give a two minute warning before transition.*

# Group Gather & Bible Focus (10 min)

*Have kids sit in a circle.*

*Props: 6–8 lightweight items to hand to the volunteer. Choose items that are easy to hold but awkward together. For example: Small books or notebooks; Empty water bottles; Soft balls or beanbags; A folded jacket or scarf*

**Raise your hand if you have ever tried to do something really hard by yourself.**

*Pause for responses.*

**Sometimes doing things alone feels faster. But most of the time, it is harder and we get tired quicker.**

*Invite kids to stand.*

**Let's try something together. Pretend you are lifting something really heavy.**

*Have kids squat and "lift."*

**Now pretend you are lifting it alone.**

*Pause.*

**Now pretend a friend comes over and helps you lift it.**

*Have kids smile and lift together.*

**Which one was easier?**

*Pause and nod.*

**That is how God designed His people. We were never meant to follow Jesus alone.**

*Invite kids to sit.*

**This is our last lesson in our church series. We have learned that the church is not a building. The church is people.**

**We learned that the church helps people in need.**

**Today we are learning something new. The church gathers together to worship God and encourage each other.**

*Hold up a Bible.*

**Listen to what the Bible says about gathering together.**

*Read Hebrews 10:24–25 (NIRV) aloud.*

**This verse tells us two important things.**

**First, God wants His people to keep meeting together.**

**Second, when we meet together, we encourage each other.**

*Have kids turn to a neighbor.*

**Whisper one way you have been encouraged before.**

*Give 10 seconds.*

**Encouragement is when someone helps you keep going when things are hard.**

*Choose one volunteer.*

**I need a helper.**

*Hand the volunteer several lightweight items to hold.*

**Your job is to hold all of these while I keep talking. Try not to drop anything.**

*Continue calmly while the volunteer struggles.*

**Following Jesus is kind of like this. Some days feel heavy. Some days are confusing. Some days are just tiring.**

**Do you think God wants us to carry all of that by ourselves?**

*Pause.*

*Invite 2–3 kids to help take items from the volunteer.*

**See how much easier that is?**

**That is what the church does. We help carry things together.**

*Collect the items and dismiss helpers.*

**But the church does not only gather to help each other. We also gather to worship God. Worship means showing God that He matters most.**

*Invite kids to stand again.*

**When we worship, we sing. We pray. We listen. We remind each other who God is.**  
*Read Colossians 3:16 (NIV).*

**This verse tells us that when we sing and speak God's truth together, God's message fills our lives.**

*Have kids place one hand on their chest.*

**God uses other people to remind us of what is true.**  
*Pause briefly.*

**That is why the church gathers.**

**Bottom Line: The church gathers to worship God and encourage each other.**  
*Have kids say it once together.*

## Review & Practice (10 min)

### Build Each Other Up Circle

*Have kids stand in a wide circle. Choose one soft object to pass around.*

**We have been learning that the church gathers to worship God and encourage each other. Encouragement is not just a nice idea. God tells us to actually do it. Let's practice what Hebrews 10 teaches us.**

*Open the Bible and briefly reference Hebrews 10:24–25.*

**The Bible says we should think of ways to encourage each other and help each other follow Jesus.**

**That means encouragement takes thought and action.**

**We are going to pass this object around the circle.**

**When it comes to you, you will encourage the person on your right with one short sentence.**

*Give clear examples verbally if needed, then begin. ("I am glad you are here," or "I like the way you help others," or "You matter to our group.")*

*Coach older kids quietly to help younger kids think of words.*

*After one full round, pause.*

**Did you notice how encouragement feels when it is shared out loud?  
This is one reason the church gathers. We help each other stay strong.**

## **Memory Verse Movement Worship**

*Our memory verse reminds us that gathering together matters.  
We do not just gather to sit quietly. We gather to worship God and encourage each other.*

*Teach the verse using motions. Say one phrase at a time and have kids repeat with actions.  
"And let us not give up meeting together"  
Have kids step toward the center of the circle.*

*"Instead, let us encourage one another"  
Kids give a thumbs up or gentle clap.*

*"With words of hope"  
Hands over heart.*

*"As we see Christ's return approaching"  
Kids look up and point upward.*

*Repeat the full verse twice using motions. Invite older kids to lead one round.*

*After the final repetition:*

**When we say God's Word together, we are worshiping Him.  
When we encourage each other, we are living it out!**

# **Prayer & Worship Practice (5 min)**

## **Prayer Activity: The Encouragement Web**

*Have kids sit in a close circle. Hold a ball of yarn.*

**The Bible teaches us that the church gathers to worship God and encourage each other. Encouragement connects us. Worship connects us. When those things happen, we are not alone.**

*Explain the activity slowly and clearly.*

**We are going to build a web together.**

**This web will remind us that when we gather as the church, we are connected to each other. I am going to hold the yarn and say one short encouragement or thank you to God. Then I will gently toss the yarn to someone across the circle while holding onto my piece.**

*Model first with a simple prayer sentence.*

**God, thank You for bringing us together as Your church.**

**When the yarn comes to you, hold onto your piece.**

**Then say one short sentence. You can encourage the church or thank God for something.**

*After that, toss the yarn to someone else who has not had a turn yet.*

*Coach older kids quietly to help younger kids think of short phrases if needed.*

*Allow the yarn web to form. Keep the pace calm.*

*When everyone has participated, pause.*

**Look at the web we made.**

**Each string matters. If one person lets go, the web becomes weaker.**

**That is how the church works.**

**When we gather, worship God, and encourage each other, we stay connected and strong.**

*Invite a short silent moment.*

**Take a quiet moment to thank God for the people who help you follow Jesus.**

*Close with prayer.*

**God, thank You for connecting us as Your church. Help us worship You together and encourage each other wherever we go. Amen.**

## **Group Activity or Project (10 minutes)**

### **Activity: Keep the Web Strong**

*Keep kids seated in the same circle. Bring the yarn web back to the center, either still connected or gently placed in a pile.*

**We just saw how the church is like a web.**

**Everyone matters, and everyone helps keep it strong.**

**Now we are going to practice what it looks like to keep the web strong in real life.**

**I am going to describe different situations.**

**If that situation helps strengthen the church, reach out and lightly hold the yarn.**

**If it makes the church weaker, let go and place your hands in your lap.**

*Do a few practice rounds so kids understand.*

*Call out scenarios slowly, pausing after each one so kids can respond physically.*

*Examples to use:*

- Praying together at church
- Singing worship songs together
- Ignoring someone who feels left out
- Encouraging a friend who is having a hard day
- Skipping church when nothing else is going on
- Helping someone learn about Jesus
- Being kind to someone new

*After several rounds, pause and observe.*

**Do you notice how the web changes when people let go?  
That is why gathering together matters.  
Encouragement and worship help keep the church strong.**

**Turn to someone next to you and share one way you can help keep the church strong this week.**

*Give 30 to 60 seconds, then gather attention.*

**When we choose to worship God and encourage each other, we are doing exactly what God calls the church to do.**

**Say it with me: The church gathers to worship God and encourage each other.**

## **Wrap-Up & Structured Free Play (10 min)**

*As kids arrive, invite them into free play(coloring, games, playdoh, Legos, etc.). Actively coach older kids to notice younger kids and invite them into what they are doing. Play upbeat worship music as kids play/create.*

**Today we learned why gathering together as the church matters.**

**God did not design us to follow Jesus alone.**

**The church gathers to worship God and encourage each other.**

**When we gather, we sing to God.**

**We learn from His Word.**

**We encourage each other to keep following Jesus, even when it is hard.**

**That is how God strengthens His church.**

### **Suggested Discussion Questions:**

- Why do you think God wants us to gather together as the church?
- How does worship help us remember what is true about God?
- What is one way you can encourage someone at church?
- How does it feel when someone encourages you?

### **Bottom Line Review:**

**Have kids say together: The church gathers to worship God and encourage each other.**

**Weekly Challenge:**

This week, look for one way to encourage someone at church.

You might say something kind, sit with someone new, sing loudly during worship, or pray for a friend. When you do, remember you are helping build up God's church.

**Closing Prayer:**

God, thank You for giving us the church. Thank You for the people who help us follow Jesus. Help us worship You together and encourage each other this week. Amen.

**Optional Closing Game: Pass the Praise**

*Have kids sit in a circle or stay standing in a small group.*

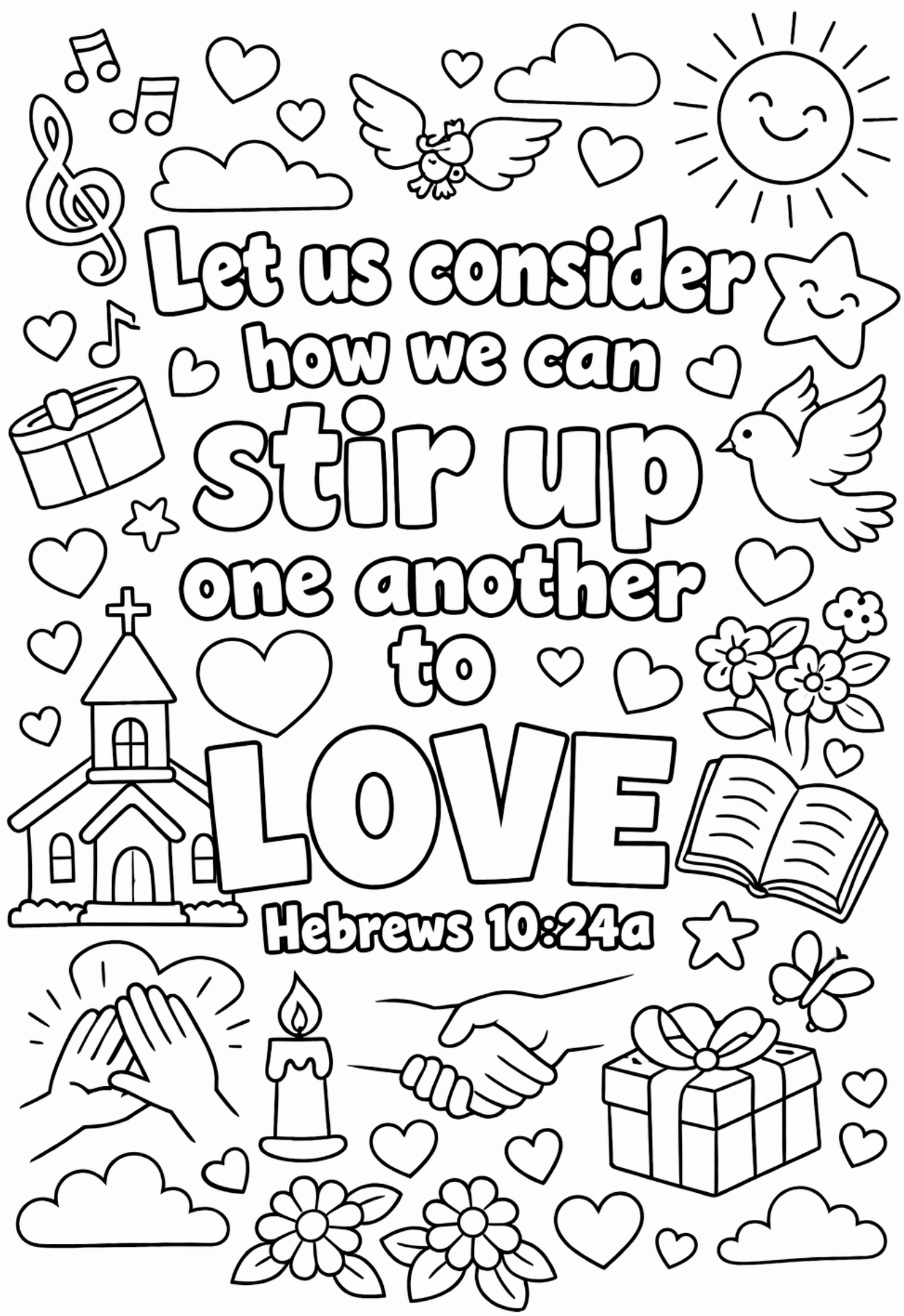
*Explain the game:*

**We are going to pass praise around the circle.**

**When it's your turn, say one thing you love about God or one way someone encouraged you today.**

*Then toss a soft ball, beanbag, or small plush to the next person.*

- 1. Continue until everyone has had a turn sharing something encouraging or praising God.*
- 2. Encourage laughter, creativity, and heartfelt statements.*
- 3. End with a group clap or cheer, reinforcing community and worship.*



Let us consider

how we can

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to

LOVE

Hebrews 10:24a